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APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson & Richard D. Cramer
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Searching a Virtual Library of Potential Molecules
Using Validated Molecular Structural Descriptors
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TO: Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time from June 6, 2003 to September 6, 2003 to file a response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2003 setting a shortened statutory period of three months. Since September 6, 2003 fell on a Saturday when the Patent Office was closed, this Petition and the accompanying Response are being timely filed on the next business day on which the Patent Office is open, September 8, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00 for the three month extension fee is attached.

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